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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

PODGORNY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT: DURING HIS VISIT TO FINLAND IN MID-OCTOBER, SOVIET PRESIDENT PODGORNY SPOKE CANDIDLY WITH FINNISH PRESIDENT KEKKONEN ABOUT SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR FORTHCOMING MEETING IN VLADIVOSTOK.

PODGORNY SAID THAT "AN UNDERSTANDING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL" HAD BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE U.S. UNDER PRESIDENT NIXON AND THAT HE HAD BEEN A MAN TO WHOM THEY COULD RELATE AND WITH WHOM THEY COULD NEGOTIATE MUTUAL PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. PODGORNY SAID THAT THE SOVIETS DESIRE THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING CONTINUE WITH THE U.S. UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP.

PODGORNY COMMENTED THAT STATEMENTS BY YOU AND ME VOWING TO CONTINUE THE NIXON FOREIGN POLICY HAVE BEEN REASSURING TO THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP BUT THAT THEY ARE RESERVING JUDGMENT UNTIL THEY CAN ASSESS YOU PERSONALLY. CONSEQUENTLY, ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET PRESIDENT, THE MEETING WITH YOU IN VLADIVOSTOK IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP BECAUSE IT WILL GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAUGE YOU AT FIRST HAND.

KEKKONEN -- WHO HAS DEALT WITH THE TOP SOVIET LEADERS FOR MANY YEARS -- BELIEVES THAT THE SOVIETS FEEL CONFIDENT IN DEALING

WITH A COUNTRY ONLY IF THEY ARE ABLE TO COME TO A CERTAIN UNDERSTANDING WITH ITS LEADER, BECAUSE THEY SEE "THE NUMBER ONE MAN" IN A NATION AS BEING LARGEMLY RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY AND ITS EXECUTION. THEY ALSO FEEL THAT AT THE LEADERSHIP LEVEL "THERE IS NO CHICANEY" -- I.E., THAT LEADERS SHOULD BE STRAIGHTFORWARD, "SAYING FRANKLY HOW THINGS STACK UP." KEKKONEN THUS CONCLUDES FROM HIS TALKS WITH PODGORNY THAT THE MEETING BETWEEN YOU AND BREZHNEV IN VLADIVOSTOK IS A CRITICAL ONE FROM THE SOVIET VIEW-POINT.

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(FOR HAK ONLY) -- KEKKONEN ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS OBVIOUS FROM PODGORNY'S REMARKS THAT THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP HAS AN UNUSUALLY HIGH RESPECT FOR AND CONFIDENCE IN YOU AND THAT YOUR CONTINUATION IN OFFICE IS A POSITIVE FACTOR IN THEIR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. (GATES)

SAUDI ARABIAN OIL POLICIES: ANOTHER SPINOFF OF THE RABAT ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE HAS BEEN A REAFFIRMATION OF STATED SAUDI POSITIONS THAT A SIZEABLE REDUCTION IN OIL PRICES IS UNLIKELY AND THAT AN EMBARGO WILL BE IMPOSED IF CONSIDERED NECESSARY. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN RABAT HAS REPORTED THAT ARAB LEADERS APPARENTLY DECIDED ON A SMALL, SYMBOLIC REDUCTION IN PRICES, OR ON TALKS WITH CONSUMERS WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN A TOKEN REDUCTION OR FREEZE IN PRICES AT CURRENT LEVELS. CORROBORATION OF THIS HAS COME FROM NEWSWEEK SENIOR EDITOR DEBORCHGRAVE, WHO INFORMED AMBASSADOR PICKERING IN AMMAN THAT ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE SAUDI DELEGATION TO THE RABAT CONFERENCE, THE SAUDIS HAD HOPED FOR A TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN OIL PRICES BUT THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY NOT ACHIEVABLE; THEY SAID THAT PUSHING FOR IT, HOWEVER, PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INSURANCE AGAINST PRODUCER PRESSURE FOR INCREASED PRICES THIS YEAR. DEBORCHGRAVE ADDED THAT SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAGGAF TOLD OTHER ARAB LEADERS THE "OIL WEAPON" WOULD NOT BE USED DURING PEACETIME BUT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY INSTITUTED IN THE EVENT OF WAR.

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TOLD OTHER ARAB LEADERS THAT PRODUCING STATES SHOULD NOT MAKE THREATENING STATEMENTS ABOUT AN OIL EMBARGO AT THIS TIME, BUT THAT HE WILL IMPOSE ONE IF ISRAELI FORCES DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD.

SITUATION IN RHODESIA: OUR EMBASSY IN BLANTYRE REPORTS A CONVERSATION WITH A SEASONED SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNALIST RESIDENT IN RHODESIA. THE MAIN POINTS WERE HIS BELIEF THAT CONTINUED WHITE MINORITY RULE IS DOOMED BUT THAT THE RHODESIANS DO NOT YET REALIZE THEIR PLIGHT. HE SAID THAT WHILE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE SMALL EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL REPERCUSSIONS ON RHODESIAN WHITE SOCIETY WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. HE RECALLED THE JUBILATION THAT GREETED THE AMENDMENT IN 1971, WHICH WAS SEEN AS PROOF OF THE RIGHTNESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE WHITE RHODESIAN CAUSE.

SOUTH AFRICAN-ZAMBIAN DIALOG: ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWAAANGA HAS REPORTED AT LENGTH TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN LUSAKA HIS THREE HOUR AND FORTY MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH S. SOUTH AFRICAN COUNTERPART, MULLER, IN NEW YORK LAST MONTH. HE TOLD MULLER ZAMBIA AGREED TO TALKS, AT CONSIDERABLE RISK ON THE CONDITION THE SOUTH AFRICANS HAD SOMETHING TO OFFER. RESPONDING TO MULLER'S QUESTION, HE SAID ALL OF AFRICA WANTS SOUTH AFRICA TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM RHODESIA AND RESTORE RIGHTFUL UN AUTHORITY OVER NAMIBIA. AT MULLER'S REQUEST, MWAAANGA AGREED TO FACILITATE SOUTH AFRICAN CONTACTS WITH FRE-LIMO SO THAT CILIALEHAL RELATIONS COULD BE EXAMINED. AT THE END OF THE REVIEW MWAAANGA SAID THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED AN URGENT REQUEST FROM MULLER FOR ANOTHER SECRET MEETING TO CONTINUE THE DIALOG.

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EMBASSY IN KINSHASA: A SECRET MEETING BETWEEN MULLER AND A PERSONAL ENVOY OF MOBUTU, NOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 9 IN PARIS. (HORAN)

MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA:

RECENT COMMENTS OF GENERAL AMAN THAT HE HAS RECEIVED OFFERS OF MILITARY AID FROM CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION BUT DOES NOT INTEND TO CONSIDER THEM SO LONG AS THE U.S. CONTINUES TO PROVIDE WHAT ETHIOPIA NEEDS. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST REPORT WE HAVE HAD OF COMMUNIST AID OFFERS, WHICH NO DOUBT ARE FED TO US IN AN EFFORT TO GET MORE U.S. AID. WHILE GENERAL AMAN REPORTEDLY IS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH NEW MILITARY EQUIPMENT RECENTLY SENT TO ETHIOPIA ON YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, HE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE A RESPONSE FROM YOU TO HIS LATEST REQUEST FOR INCREASED MILITARY ASSISTANCE. (HORAN)

PRINCE SIHANOUK TRAVELS TO ALGERIA: PRINCE SIHANOUK ARRIVED IN ALGIERS ON OCTOBER 26 TO ATTEND THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALGERIAN REVOLUTION. ON OCTOBER 30 HE MET WITH BOU-MEDIENE. THE CELEBRATION LASTS UNTIL NOVEMBER 3 AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE HEADS OF MANY GOVERNMENTS AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS INCLUDING KING FAYDAL SADAT, ASAD, AND NUMAYRI. THE STATUS OF THE EFFORT TO SEAT GRUNK IN THE UN NO DOUBT WILL BE DISCUSSED DURING SIHANOUK'S VISIT. WE BELIEVE THE ALGERIANS ARE NO LONGER OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ACHIEVING THIS AND MAY INTEND TO HAVE SIHANOUK PERSONALLY LOBBY WITH THESE LEADERS, PARTICULARLY WITH PROGRESSIVE ARABS, TO INSURE OR TO WIN THEIR SUPPORT. (QUINN/STEARMAN)

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CARIBBEAN HEADS OF STATE MEETING: GUYANA IS PROMOTING A MEETING EARLY NEXT YEAR OF THE HEADS OF THE CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS. AFTER HIS RETURN FROM THE UNGA, FOREIGN MINISTER RAMPHAL SAID THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR SUCH A MEETING; HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE HELD IN TRINIDAD IN FEBRUARY. FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AND PLANNING WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNGA, WITH GUYANA LEADING THE EFFORT. RAMPHAL SAID THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO CREATE A SEPARATE CARIBBEAN BLOC BUT RATHER THAT THE MEETING WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO "THE NEW LATIN AMERICA," WHICH WOULD HAVE A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE THIRD WORLD. RAMPHAL'S EFFORT IS DIRECTED AT BEGINNING THE PROCESS OF REINTEGRATING CUBA INTO HEMISPHERIC ACTIVITIES. HE SAID IT WAS NOT AIMED AT CREATING AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING BLOC.

RAMPHAL ALSO INDICATED HE HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ARRANGING TO HAVE THE PROPOSED JANUARY MEETING OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF THE NONALIGNED GROUP HELD IN HAVANA RATHER THAN IN ALGIERS. HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT WISH FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP IN THE GROUP AND WANTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO CUBA'S REINTEGRATION INTO THE "MAINSTREAM OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS" AND TO ASSIST IT IN ITS EFFORT TO BREAKAWAY FROM EXCESSIVE DEPENDENCE ON THE USSR. RAMPHAL PLANS TO VISIT CUBA PRIOR TO THE MEETING. (LOW)

PERU MAY GET SAM SYSTEM: THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY HAS PURCHASED SAMS OF THE TYPE THAT WERE "MOST EFFECTIVE" IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI WAR (PROBABLY THE SA-7/GRAIL OR SA-6/GAINFUL). AIR DEFENSE IS A WEAK LINK IN PERUVIAN MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND THE ARMY HAS BEEN SEEKING TO REMEDY THIS. SENIOR OFFICERS ARE KNOWN TO BELIEVE SAMS OFFER THE ONLY LOGICAL SOLUTION. THE SAMS WOULD PROBABLY BE USED IN THE CHILEAN BORDER AREA. IN ADDITION TO OFFERING ADDED DEFENSE CAPABILITIES, THEY ARE HIGHLY MOBILE AND WOULD BE EFFECTIVE COMPLEMENTARY WEAPON SYSTEMS IN ANY ATTEMPTED PERUVIAN OFFENSIVE ACTION. (LOW)

CHILE CONCLUDES DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENTS: CHILEAN AMBASSADOR HEITMANN TOLD STATE OFFICIALS HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOW CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS ON DEBT RESCHEDULING WITH ALL PARIS CLUB NATIONS. HE SAID THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENTS WERE QUITE SATISFACTORY TO CHILE, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY. WE ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE AGREEMENTS. (LOW)

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